

Fair Tonight and Sunday;
Continued Cold.

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SEVENTEEN SAVED BY BREECHES BUOY IN BITING STORM

Crews of Two Fishing Schooners Rescued by Life-Savers.

STORM TOO SEVERE FOR LIFE BOATS

Supposed Falling Stars Prove to Be Signals of Distress.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Through gale-force waves, laden with ice, and cut by sheet bearing at their dancing bow, seventeen men slid along a narrow line from wrecked vessels to safety on the beach at Sandy Hook early today. They formed the crews of two fishing schooners, the Franklin B. Nelson and the Libby, which are now breaking in pieces off the life-saving station.

While heavy driving snow hid everything beyond the line of breakers at Life-Saving Station No. 1 early today a watchman was attracted by what he thought was a falling star several hundred yards offshore. He gave it no thought until a second "star" appeared in the same direction. A third and a fourth "star" appeared. Then he discovered they were rockets from a ship in distress.

Faces Cut by Sleet.

Life boats were brought out to the beach, where great waves were pounding. Sleet carried by a driving wind cut the faces of the life-savers and the gloves, soaked with the spray, froze to the gunwales of the boats. The first boat launched topped a huge breaker, but a second wave hurled it back to the beach. Again and again, futile efforts were made to get the boats through the pounding combers. Finally, the "gun" was brought to the beach. After several attempts, a line was passed over the bow of the vessel. This was pulled aboard by unseen hands. After the light line went the cable, and the breeches buoy traveled out through the breakers, disappearing in the spray. In five minutes came a signal, and the men ashore pulled on the line.

Another Crew Rescued.

A man appeared, dangling in the spray of the waves which lashed around his body, at times hiding him completely. Once ashore, he was rushed to the station for treatment. Again the buoy shot out into the darkness and returned with a man. Six more trips were made, and the last man was rescued. The men were rescued when a second shower of "stars" several hundred yards above the first attracted the patrolmen's attention. Again an unavailing effort was made to launch the boats, and again the line and breeches buoy had to be resorted to after several of the life-savers had been almost swept to sea by the receding waves. The men were thus saved from the second vessel.

The schooner Nelson, it is expected, will be a total wreck, but the Libby may be saved.

SCHOONER ASHORE OFF CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 12.—A two-masted schooner is ashore on Newoo Island, off Norwalk. She went ashore during the night, but is flying no signals. Norwalk tugs have been notified. The vessel is new and apparently bound for New York.

LINER WRECKED BY HIDDEN ROCKS

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The French Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company officials today said that the wreck of the General Chanzy was not due to the explosion, but that the explosion occurred after the ship struck the rocks. The wreck occurred in what is known as the Lyons Passage, which is one of the most dangerous channels in the Mediterranean. Three years ago the Ville de Rome sank at the same spot, where the water is 100 feet deep. There is no light-house at this point. Blazes and Morat, the local office says, were saved by marines. The sea is still so rough that it is impossible to institute a search for bodies.

OPPOSES PARTY LINES.

HAVANA, Feb. 12.—Morua Delgado, president of the senate, today introduced a bill to prevent the formation of political parties on purely radical lines. Delgado is a fire and has been a constant fighter against making the race question a political issue in Cuba.

WEATHER REPORT.

Warmer weather is reported from the middle Atlantic coast. Much lower temperatures are reported from the southeastern States, the Plains States, and the upper Mississippi valley. The temperature will fall tonight along the Atlantic coast and in Tennessee, the Ohio valley, and the upper Lake region, and it will rise Sunday in the lower Ohio and lower Mississippi valleys.

Frost is indicated for tonight in the south Atlantic and east Gulf States, except southern Florida. The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be brisk westerly; on the south Atlantic coast moderate west and northwest.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Fair tonight and Sunday; continued cold; minimum temperature tonight about 26 degrees; brisk westerly winds.

TEMPERATURE.
1 p. m. 33
2 p. m. 37

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises 6:25
Sun sets 5:21

TIDE TABLE.
Today—High tide, 9:35 a. m. and 10:15 p. m.; low tide, 4:25 a. m. and 4:20 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 10:13 a. m. and 11:53 p. m.; low tide, 4:47 a. m. and 5:10 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WATER.
HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Potomac clear and Shenandoah slightly cloudy this morning.

Ruins of Woodley Inn, Destroyed in Disastrous Fire Early Today



NEW YORK IN GRASP OF ANOTHER STORM

Street Car Lines Tied Up, But Trains Run on Schedule.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—For the fourth holiday since Thanksgiving Day, New York finds itself today tied up in a snow storm.

While the railroads report that all trains are running on schedule time, there were certain delays on the surface lines, and on the elevated roads. The sleet on the third rail of the "I" roads precipitated many flashes of electric sparks, and made many passengers feel uncomfortable. The Brooklyn bridge cars were tied up today for thirty minutes, when a Gates avenue car jumped the track. The weather man says that more snow is on the way. At a fire early today at 241 Third avenue, thirty tenants were obliged to climb down ice-covered fire-escapes. No one was injured.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC AT A STANDSTILL

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 12.—With twelve inches of snow on the ground and a terrific storm raging, railroad traffic east and west from this point is almost at a standstill. Trains are about five hours late and are running without any attention to schedule. The local forecaster predicts more snow today and tomorrow, and a new mark for snow fall will be set up.

RYE BEACH CREW RESCUES SAILORS

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Feb. 12.—Fighting their way through great seas in a blinding snowstorm, the life-saving crew of the Rye Beach station, today saved the crew of the W. H. Reed, a Portland steamer, which was driven back by the sea. She will be a total wreck. Reports from the Wallis Sands life-saving station say today's storm along the New Hampshire coast is fully equal in severity to the big blow of a few weeks ago. More wrecks are expected.

STREETS CLEANED BY SNOW SCRAPERS

More than two hundred White Wings set to work this morning to clean crossings of all downtown streets and to remove the snow entirely from the principal thoroughfares.

Working on the Weather Bureau's assurance that the snow was over in this section, the Street Cleaning Department set out to make the clearing up as thorough as the funds on hand would permit.

In addition to the regular force of White Wings and the fifteen carts owned by a department, twenty extra cars were engaged. On Pennsylvania avenue the city's snow scrapers were set to work at an early hour and by noon the mounds which these scrapers had piled up had been cleared entirely away.

The snow storm has spent its force here. Weather Bureau officials say, though it is now raging up the Ohio valley and the fall there will probably reach on foot.

No change of temperature is expected in the Capital within thirty-six hours, though the prediction says the skies will be clear for that period.

SEARCH ORDERED FOR MISSING TUG

Crew of Twenty-eight Unheard of Since Last Sunday.

Orders were sent to the navy yards at New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, and Boston to send vessels in search of the tug Nina which is missing. She left Norfolk last Sunday for Boston and has not been heard from since leaving Chesapeake Bay.

CLAIMS HE IS SON OF COL. T. H. SWOPE

War Records Searched for Proof of West Virginian's Assertion.

A relative of Elmer Carroll Swope, of Martinsburg, W. Va., who has set up a claim to part of the estate of Col. Thomas H. Swope, on the ground that he is a son of the Kansas City millionaire, whose mysterious death is the subject of a grand jury investigation, arrived in Washington today seeking to confirm the West Virginian's story. According to the evidence produced by Elmer Swope, his mother, who was Miss Elizabeth Carroll, a descendant of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Md., was married to Thomas H. Swope in Lambertville, N. J., in 1851. The husband was a Union man and the wife loyal to the South. On this point there was a quarrel, followed by a separation shortly before a son was born, Thomas H. Swope, according to the Martinsburg claimant, joined the Union army and never saw his wife afterward, nor his son.

MAY WIDEN BREACH IN NAVAL CIRCLES

Failure of House Committee to Reward Peary Causes Criticism.

Not only did the department go on record as opposed to Representative Aiken's bill, which it was asked by the committee to consider, but it became known today that it is having a statement prepared setting forth how much Peary has cost the Government during the course of his Arctic explorations. This statement, it is said, was asked for by the opponents of the explorer, who would have contrived to bring it before the House committee or used it in an attempt to humiliate Peary before the public, had it become evident that Peary was seriously considering making him a rear admiral.

With feeling in the department run higher than when the appointment of Surgeon General Stokes, a staff officer, as commanding officer of the hospital ship Solace, still further widened the breach between line and staff officers, there is grave danger of the department shortly presenting a more pronounced example of the "house divided against itself" than any branch of the Government ever has.

The feeling has reached an acute stage because the opposition to the plan to make Peary a rear admiral did not develop openly until the eleventh hour. Staff officers declare this was the result of tremendous influence brought to bear by members of the line.

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SON GIVES BLOOD TO SAVE FATHER

Life of Anaemic Parent Prolonged by Successful Transfusion Operation.

The spectacle of a son giving forth his heart's blood to prolong, if not to save, the life of his father, was witnessed at a delicate and eminently successful operation performed at Providence Hospital on Thursday afternoon. For two hours a healthy, flourishing artery in the left forearm of Irven W. Robey, twenty-four years old, a shipping clerk of athletic training and instinct, poured forth its rich-red current of life into a similarly situated, but exhausted, artery, in the forearm of his anaemic father, Wilton W. Robey. The transfusion was a last resort, and meant possibly the sacrifice of one life for another.

FATHER IS RECOVERING.

Today that same father is on the road to recovery—from a man near death, he has been resurrected to a flushed, healthy appearing convalescent, who has every chance in the world of recovering his full health, and re-habilitation to all the habits and customs of his old life before stricken.

And, furthermore, the heroic son who sacrificed almost a quart of blood to save his father is walking about the streets of Washington today, apparently, none the worse for the experience. During the operation he manifested every emotion of happy frame of mind, and it was only by dint of emphasized persuasion that he was induced to even sleep in the hospital on Thursday night. Friday morning he

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NORTON PLANNING LONGER WORKDAY

Treasury Department Employs May Have Hour Added to Time.

Treasury Department employees are considerably wrought up today over the plan of Assistant Secretary Norton to add an extra hour to the official working day of that department. While no official order to this effect has yet been issued, it was admitted at the department today that such is contemplated. The first intimation of the assistant secretary's proposed extension of the working day came yesterday when a canvass was made of the office of the supervising architect and the redemption and money counting divisions to ascertain whether the clerks would prefer to have the extra hour tacked on the beginning or the end of their day.

BRIGAND RAISULI DIES OF POISONING

World-Notorious Moroccan Bandit Supposed Victim of Plot.

TANGIER, Feb. 12.—Raisuli, the notorious bandit, died today from poisoning, the supposed result of a plot. Raisuli gained world-wide notoriety several years ago by kidnapping Perdicaris. Perdicaris was an American citizen living in Tangier. He and his stepson, Mr. Vorley, were both kidnapped by Raisuli, who held them for a ransom of \$50,000. American and British men-of-war were dispatched to Tangier and the slogan of "Perdicaris Alive or Raisuli Dead" was sounded. Raisuli offered to release the two men on the payment of \$50,000 by the Sultan and the dismissal of the Governor of Tangier and the release of all Raisuli's tribesmen, who were then imprisoned. The Sultan agreed to these terms.

PRESIDENT TAFT GOES TO NEW YORK

President Taft left Washington this morning at 8 o'clock over the Pennsylvania railroad for New York, where tonight he will speak at the annual Lincoln Day banquet of the Republican Club at the Waldorf-Astoria. In addition to Captain Butt, his military aide, the President was accompanied by Mrs. Taft, Mrs. McCaughey, of Chicago, and Miss Torrey, of Cincinnati, the last two having been guests at the White House for the past few days.

This afternoon the President will attend a reception in his honor at the home of Lloyd C. Griscom, former Ambassador to Italy. Mr. Griscom was recently made chairman of the Republican county committee, succeeding Representative Herbert Parsons.

While in New York the President will see the Republican State leaders with reference to the political situation in the Empire State. He expects to see Governor Hughes this afternoon, and with him discuss certain phases of the situation that have recently given the leaders considerable alarm. The President will make known his wishes relative to the conduct of the coming State campaign and will seek to bring harmony into the ranks of the various factions of the party.

The President and Mrs. Taft are due to return to Washington tomorrow afternoon.

SLIDES FOR LIFE IN RUINOUS FIRE AT WOODLEY INN

Walter S. Ufford Descends Safely From Roof in \$40,000 Blaze.

CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS HOTEL DESTROYED

Many Narrow Escapes Among Thirty Guests in Early Morning Conflagration.

Several fatalities were narrowly averted this morning at a fire which destroyed Woodley Inn, a fashionable small hotel at Cathedral Heights near the National Cathedral School at Mt. St. Alban.

That the thirty or more guests, all well known in Washington, escaped, is due to the promptness with which the alarm for fire was turned in.

Owing to the high wind blowing at the time, the blaze spread with rapidity, and none of the guests had time to save any personal belongings. They were content to flee in scant attire.

CLOTHES DESTROYED. While the flames swept through the building and the flying sparks, wafted through the air by the strong wind, threatened other dwellings in the neighborhood, the guests stood around in shivering groups, powerless to save even their wardrobes.

The fact that the fire broke out about 3:30 o'clock, and was not discovered until it had gained such headway that the water supply had but little effect in checking it, imperiled the lives of the guests.

Many Narrow Escapes. In the hurry to escape from the burning hotel there were several narrow escapes.

Secretary Walter S. Ufford, of the District Associated Charities, who occupied a room in that part of the building known as "The Tower," had a thrilling experience. He escaped with his life because he remained cool.

Aroused from a sound sleep by cries of "Fire!" he found his exit by the stairway cut off. Climbing to the roof of the tower, four stories from the ground, he called for assistance. In the excitement no ladder could be found. Meantime the fire had crept dangerously near his position on the roof. It seemed as if his only escape from death lay in jumping.

Slide for His Life. With the roof ablaze and while the excited guests on the ground shouted encouragement, Mr. Ufford seized the sheets and blankets from his bed. He tore them into strips, and, tying them together to form a rope, he slid hand over hand to the ground.

Other guests to narrowly escape were J. S. Garland, assistant superintendent of the District Water Department; Oscar Garesen, a Washington musician, and Mrs. Leach, widow of Colonel Leach, U. S. A., who died suddenly a few months ago.

Mr. Garland, when aroused by the shouts of excited guests, woke Mrs. Garland and their two children, and they escaped by clambering from the high porch outside their bedrooms to the ground, clad only in such clothing as happened to be near at hand.

When the roll was called and it was found that there were no fatalities, the guests were taken into nearby houses and made comfortable.

Fire in Laundry. It was about 5:30 o'clock that Mrs. Margaret F. Munday, the widow of an army officer, who occupied the hotel, was awakened by a frightened servant going hurriedly to the laundry, in the rear of the building, from which dense smoke was issuing. Mrs. Munday saw at a glance that the inn was in danger. Rushing to her apartment, she dressed hastily and then aroused the guests.

Mrs. Munday remained cool, giving first thought to the lives in danger before attempting to save any of her belongings.

The fire had been burning for fully twenty minutes before Mrs. Munday's telephone message to the fire engine company at Tenleytown, nearly a mile away, brought aid. Meantime the fire had spread through the entire building and the two streams of water were ineffective. A second call brought an engine company from Georgetown, but the long distance and the stiff climb up the Wisconsin avenue hill caused delay, making the service of this company of little value.

For a time it was feared that other buildings within a radius of several hundred yards might catch fire because the strong wind blowing at the time carried showers of sparks to neighboring roofs. It happened, however, that the sleet and snow which had fallen earlier in the night prevented this.

Valuables Lost. An investigation after the fire had been put out showed not only a total loss of the building, but the loss of its furnishings, consisting of silver, valuable Turkish rugs, paintings and art objects, as well as the jewelry and clothing of the guests. One guest lost a chest of old family silver, and an

Millionaire Swope's Death Mystery

Paralleled only by those days when Borgias made poisoning a fine art are the tales that Kansas City is telling now in connection with the death of Thomas H. Swope, millionaire philanthropist, a man who wrung his money from the land that he settled away back in the frontier days. He died when he was 82 bequeathing millions to his family and to the city. Read the story of the borrowed typhoid culture. Read the tale of the nurses, a story that is enthralling from beginning to end. Read the romance of Dr. Bennett Clark Hyde, now accused of murder. Read the angest story that has been discovered for years, a sensation of a nation. Gordon Mackay has been in Kansas City in attendance on the inquest, and he will picture the conditions as they exist, exclusively for

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